



UEN Steering Committee & Superintendents Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2021, 1 – 3pm
Hilton Downtown Des Moines, 435 Park Street, Des Moines, IA, 50309

Committee Member Attendees: Noreen Bush, Chair (Cedar Rapids), Stan Rheingans, Chair-Elect (Dubuque), Jane Lindaman, Chair-Elect 2 (Waterloo), Vickie Murillo, Past-Chair, (Council Bluffs), Perla Alarcon-Flory (Sioux City), Dan Gosa (Davenport), Kelli Soyer (Des Moines), JP Claussen (Iowa City)

Paula Vincent (Ames), Michelle Morse (Bettendorf), Doug Wheeler (College), Derrick Joel (Fort Dodge), Shannon Bisgard (Linn-Mar), Matt Degner (Iowa City), Paul Gausman, (Sioux City)

Others/Staff/Guest Attendees via Zoom: Margaret Buckton (ISFIS), Larry Sigel (ISFIS), and Jen Albers (ISFIS)

1. Welcome, Call to Order by Noreen Bush (UEN Chair)

Bush, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. All attendees introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Agenda

Alarcon-Flory moved approval of the agenda. Soyer seconded. Approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes from September 24, 2021 Steering Committee Meeting

Gausman moved approval of the September 24, 2021 Steering Committee minutes. Alarcon-Flory seconded. Approved unanimously.

4. YTD Financial Report

Albers presented the YTD financial report through September 30, 2021, along with a bill pay listing of items since the last Steering Committee meeting. *A motion was made by Vincent to approve the 09/30/2021 YTD Financial Report and Bill Pay Listing as presented. Alarcon-Flory seconded. Approved unanimously.*

5. Approve the 2022 Legislative Priorities

Buckton reviewed the latest proposed legislative priority language as drafted by the UEN Legislative Committee and discussed previously by the UEN Superintendents and Steering Committee. Discussion ensued around each topic.

A motion was made by Rheingans to approve the 2022 UEN Legislative Priorities with updated language in the "Invest in Iowa's Future" priority to a total of 5% SSA. Lindaman seconded. Approved unanimously.

6. UEN Annual Meeting & Steering Committee Responsibilities

Buckton shared the agenda for the evening's UEN Annual Meeting & Dinner and discussed the role of Committee members.

7. Executive Director Report

Buckton and members discussed a number of topics around advocacy strategies for the UEN priorities, workforce issues, flexibility, ESSER funding, inflation diversity, immigration, and mental health. Members reiterated that “Our local communities and the State of Iowa need the students of today to be have the best education as these kids will soon be our future.”

8. Superintendent Updates

Superintendents shared updates of items at their local districts. Topics included: Federal ESSER funding timelines, the proposed carbon pipeline through school property, the OSHA vaccine mandate, addressing substitute shortages, and advocacy efforts.

9. Other Business

No other business was brought forth by the group. A group photo was taken.

Upcoming Meeting Dates - <https://www.uen-ia.org/calendar>

- a. November 17, 2021 (6-8:30pm) – Annual Meeting & Banquet**
- b. February 11, 2022 (11-1)**
- c. May 20, 2022 (11-1)**

10. Adjourn

Motion by Lindaman to adjourn the meeting. Second by Alarcon-Flory. Approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:57 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Margaret Buckton, UEN Executive Director, as of 11/17/2021